

**United States District Court
District of New Hampshire**

NOTE: The summary below is not comprehensive and is only intended to highlight the Local Rule changes effective December 1, 2011. Counsel and pro se litigants should not rely on the contents of this document and have the responsibility to review the full text of the Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure. Please also note that this list does not contain some minor non-substantive/stylistic changes to the local rules.

SUMMARY OF LOCAL RULE CHANGES - DEC. 1, 2011	
CIVIL	
RULE	CHANGE
1.1, General	Changed "amended" date to December 1, 2011.
7.1(f), Requests for Expedited Treatment	Amended to require party requesting expedited relief show good cause why expedited relief is needed and note expedited relief sought in motion caption.
9.1(d), Social Security Cases	Amended to clarify procedure and timing for filing a reply brief, incorporating by reference LR 7.1(e)(1).
9.5, Electronic Case Filing Rules	Added to authorize creation of special rules governing electronic filing contained in Supplemental Rule to Local Rules, Appendix A. (Formerly Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing).
9.6, Patent Cases	Added to authorize creation of special rules governing patent cases contained in Supplemental Rule to Local Rules, Appendix B.
16.2(a)(2), Final Pretrial Statements	Amended to clarify that witness' address and contact information not be included in final pretrial statement filed with the court; rather, such information should be exchanged between the parties at the same time they file final pretrial statement.

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67.2, Deposit of Registry Funds Into Interest Bearing Account	Amended procedures for submitting monies for deposit into the court's registry fund.
72.1, Duties of Magistrate Judge	Amended to incorporate standing orders authorizing magistrate judge to (1) hear and decide all matters relating to failure to appear for jury service, and (2) hear and issue reports and recommendations on dispositive motions in pro se plaintiff civil cases.
73.1, Assignment of Cases to Magistrate Judge	Amended to require parties submit a written consent form in all cases initially assigned to the magistrate judge.
77.4, Bankruptcy	Amended to incorporate standing order referring to bankruptcy judge any or all cases/proceedings arising under title 11.
83.2(b)(1), Practice by Persons Not Members of the Bar of This Court	Amended to require pro hac vice applicant affidavit disclose prior attorney discipline, criminal convictions, and revocations of pro hac vice status.
83.5, DR-2, Attorneys Convicted of Crimes	Amended to require attorneys permitted to practice in the USDC-NH to notify clerk within 21 days of (1) a felony or misdemeanor conviction, or (2) an arrest if the underlying offense includes the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon.
83.6(c), Appearances	Amended to clarify that a trustee who is the sole beneficiary of a trust may represent the trust pro se.
83.7(c), Photographing; Broadcasting; Televising	Amended to permit USDC-NH bar members and their agents to possess and use cell phones or other similar electronic devices within the Rudman Courthouse; such devices shall be set in silence mode, and no calls made or received, when in a courtroom/chambers and cell phone use restricted to conference rooms.

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83.13(f), Exhibits and Witness List	Amended to add requirement that parties file final witness list no later than one week before trial/hearing; list shall include name and town/city of residence or place of business (as appropriate).

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CRIMINAL

RULE	CHANGE
1.1, General	* Changed "amended" date to December 1, 2011. * Changed "scope" to incorporate the following civil rules into the criminal rules: LR 7.1(f), LR 9.5, and LR 83.15.
16.1(b)(3), Routine Discovery	Amended to address timing of expert witness disclosures and production of expert reports/summaries.
32.1, Guideline Sentencing	Amended rule to require motions seeking a departure/ variance and sentencing memorandum be filed no later than 10 days before sentencing and response filed no later than 4 days before sentencing; deadlines for scheduling sentencing and producing initial PSR and revised PSR adjusted by one week.
48.1, Dismissal	Amended to incorporate standing order authorizing automatic dismissal of any counts not disposed of by oral or written motion at sentencing.

**SUMMARY OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LOCAL RULE
CHANGES RELATED TO JERS - DEC. 1, 2011**

CIVIL

RULE	CHANGE
16.2(a)(6), Final Pretrial Statement	Amended to require parties include in final pretrial statement their respective positions on the use of JERS at trial.
83.15, Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS)	Added to include requirements/procedures in cases in which JERS will be used during jury deliberations.
CRIMINAL	
LCrR 16.1(g), Routine Discovery	Amended to require parties to file notice indicating respective positions on the use of JERS at least 7 days prior to trial.

FORMS

FORM	CHANGE
Civil Form 1, Civil Case Management Deadlines	Amended various references to date deadlines resulting from above amendments.
Civil Form 2, Sample Discovery Plan	Amended "Dispositive Motion" section to note that the fact the discovery deadline may post-date the summary judgment deadline is not a sufficient basis to request a continuance of the summary judgment deadline.
Criminal Form 1, Criminal Case Deadlines	Amended various references to date deadlines resulting from above amendments.

APPENDIX

RULE	CHANGE
Appendix A	Added to incorporate former "Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing" into Supplemental Local Rules.

APPENDIX	
RULE	CHANGE
Appendix B	Added to incorporate new special rules governing patent cases into Supplemental Local Rules.